

cowardly, but I must admit that these spiders cause me to feel like a coward. At a distance they seem as large as a mouse, but the body is really not much more than an inch in length and width, but the legs are so numerous that it looks very large.

Would you care to know what I have been doing this week? On Monday, after my teaching was over, I went to the districts and then to meet the noon train, as I expected the delegate from the World's Woman's Christian Temperance Union, Miss Parrish, with Miss Parmalee and a Japanese girl, who was Miss Parmalee's interpreter. We had arranged for two meetings—one on Monday evening, for all who would come; and one for Tuesday afternoon, for women alone. Unfortunately, Miss Parrish had taken ill the night before, and had to go to bed as soon as she reached the school. Our cook also took sick, and you know what that means with company on hand, and the responsibility of these temperance meetings, in addition to our usual work. Then it rained in torrents all day and all evening.

Miss Parmalee spoke to an audience of only twenty-five, when we had expected some hundreds. I was surprised to find anybody there on such a night. Her address was very interesting. Next day the rain ceased, and as Miss Parmalee had to go on to Nagoya, and Miss Parrish was still unable to go out, we had the woman's meeting in the school.

On Wednesday, my helper, Miss Noguchu, and I went to Ejiri, a town not far away, to hold a meeting for women and one for children. It is a very hard place to work in, and there seems little progress as the months pass. Two non-Christian young women and one or two Christians generally compose my meeting; while Miss Noguchu gathers thirty or forty children in another room, and teaches them. Those